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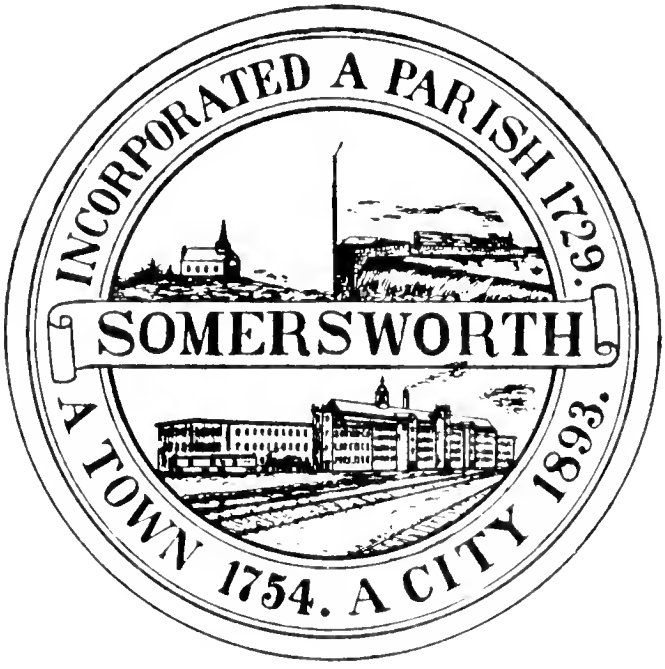

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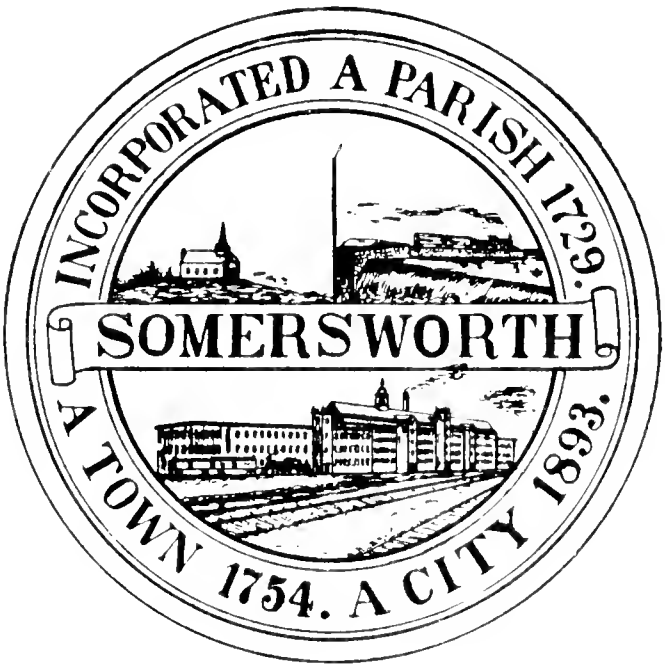

1967 was a year of exciting progress for Somersworth as this Annual Report clearly shows. It was a year of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of new construction. One shopping center built – another one started – a new bank – new homes – plans for an addition to the junior high, and a new library. It was a year of an award-winning school program. A record year – even the number of dog licenses was at an all time high.

You will find the progress and the promise of the Hilltop City recorded in the various reports and you will find it illustrated in the center section of this booklet.

The reports and budgets presented here are in capsule form. For more detailed information, the records are available for public inspection. City offices are open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – You are welcome to come in.

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SOMERSWORTH

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mayor
Roland N. Hebert

Councilmen
Ward 1
Joseph F. Dreinczyk
Paul E. Spellman
Ward 2
Thomas Lazzara
Michael J. Dolan
Ward 3
Romeo J. Brelsford
Robert T. Perreault
Ward 4
Leo J. Gagnon
George A. Nadeau
Ward 5
Jules H. Bisson
Joseph E. Landry

Assessor
Clovis G. Chabot

Building Inspector
Jackson Chick

City Clerk
Norbert J. Couture

Clerk of Court
Laurier Sans-Cartier

District Court Judge
Clovis I. Desmarais

Fire Chief
Arthur Nadeau

First Deputy Engineer
Joseph R. Lucier

Health Officer
Roland Dube

Messenger
Albert Morin

Overseer of Welfare
Clovis G. Chabot

Physician
Dr. W. E. Precourt

Plumbing Inspector
Omer Chassel[1]

1. Resigned January 1967.
George Dumais appointed.

Probation Officer
Frank Kinsman

Public Works Director and City Engineer
Norman Leclerc

Second Deputy Engineer
Malcolm Canney[2]

Special Justice
Oliver F. Colburn

Solicitor
Leo H. Cater

Street Commissioner
Norman A. Fournier

Tax Collector
Joseph McKeon[3]

Treasurer
Estelle Gagnon

2. Resigned May 1967.
William Twitchell appointed.

3. Resigned February 1967.
Clovis J. Cormier appointed.

Assessors
Paul Brunelle
Clovis G. Chabot
William Ball

Board of Adjustment
Albert O. Fournier
Norman Turgeon
Valmore Fournier
Clyde Coolidge
Alphonse Cochrane

Board of Health
Dr. W. E. Precourt
Clovis G. Chabot
Roland Dube

Cemetery Trustees
Wendell Pinkham
Norman Joy
Joseph Dreinzcyk
Robert Hodsdon
Jacob Cohen

Library Trustees
Celopie Semitros
Gerard Gaudreau
Henry P. Mullen
Gladys A. Hayes
Loretta Chadbourne
Anne C. Crist, Librarian

Park Commissioners
Bernard Hodsdon
Joseph H. Couture
Jeffrey Francoeur
Lionel Fournier

Planning Board
Mayor Roland N. Hebert
City Engineer Norman Leclerc
City Councilman George A. Nadeau
Administrative Members
Herman Horne
Eugene Barry
Thomas McLin
Anita Flynn
Albert O. Fournier
Francis C. Vincent

Police Commissioners
Paul Lemelin
Robert Landry
George Dumais

Selectmen
Ward 1
Raoul Turmelle
Rose A. Lambert
Robert Lessard
Ward 2
Alfred Vallee
Joseph Plante
Alfred Daigle
Ward 3
Apollinaire Rondeau
Oliver Bisson
Ovide Levesque
Ward 4
Thomas Hanagan
Rene Lebel
Ward 5
J. B. Fortier
Ernest Tanguay
Joseph Tanguay

Supervisors of Checklists
Thomas Cavanaugh[1]
Thomas Perron[2]
Donald Pageotte
Jane Sears
Jeanette Camire

Somersworth Housing Authority
Leo A. Chabot, *Chairman*
Richard A. Willett
Edward C. Charpentier
Louis Chasse
Rene Breton

Trustees of Trust Funds
Joseph Dreinczyk
Roland N. Hebert
Albert E. Dion

Water Commissioners
Roland N. Hebert
Napoleon A. Habel
Ronald W. Perron

1. Resigned May 1967.
Mariette Letourneau appointed.

2. Resigned March 1967.
Alfred Fournier appointed.

ACCOUNT	APPROP.	RECEIPTS	TOTAL	TOTAL EXP.	UNEXP. BAL.
Armed Forces Committee	$ 200.00	$	$ 200.00	$ 203.20	$ (3.20)
Assessor's Office	10,039.00		10,039.00	9,830.50	208.50
Bonds	42,000.00		42,000.00	42,000.00	.00
Catholic War Veterans	500.00		500.00	500.00	.00
Cemetery	6,300.00	7,343.22	13,643.22	13,643.22	.00
Christmas Lighting	500.00		500.00	500.00	.00
City Clerk's Office	16,902.35		16,902.35	17,090.10	(187.75)
Civil Defense	1,000.00		1,000.00	444.96	555.04
County Tax	70,059.77		70,059.77	70,059.77	.00
District Court	2,955.00		2,955.00	2,955.00	.00
Elections	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,926.76	73.24
FICA	7,578.00	771.62	8,349.62	7,739.12	610.50
Fire Dept.	33,279.74	148.47	33,428.21	35,039.32	(1,611.11)
Group Insurance	3,761.56	137.14	3,898.70	3,761.56	137.14
Health	2,675.00	28.00	2,703.00	2,757.16	(54.16)
Highway Dept.	78,341.00	10,980.46	89,321.46	87,294.73	2,026.73
Hydrants	4,320.00		4,320.00	4,320.00	.00
Insurance	2,673.00	306.00	2,979.00	2,294.51	684.49
Interest-Notes Payable	33,900.00		33,900.00	34,091.67	(191.67)
Interest on Bonds/Services	11,905.00	7.00	11,912.00	11,973.70	(61.70)
Legal Account	3,075.00		3,075.00	3,021.00	54.00
Library	11,644.00		11,644.00	12,171.99	(527.99)
Mayor's Office	6,349.00	.80	6,349.80	6,266.66	83.14
Memorial Day	600.00		600.00	600.00	.00
Municipal Building	8,615.00	940.00	9,555.00	9,013.23	541.77
N. H. Municipal Assoc.	600.00		600.00	496.36	103.64
N. H. Seacoast Region	350.00		350.00	314.00	36.00
Parks/Playgrounds	7,000.00	2,785.82	9,785.82	9,779.49	6.33
Police Dept.	90,000.00	2,054.55	92,054.55	93,070.91	(1,016.36)
Printing	1,600.00	21.50	1,621.50	1,467.85	153.65
Public Works Dept.	41,305.64		41,305.64	37,939.69	3,365.95
Refuse Collection & Disposal	20,254.00	148.50	20,402.50	22,295.74	(1,893.24)
Salaries	2,570.00		2,570.00	2,774.00	(240.00)
School Department	590,160.07	96,093.54	686,253.61	690,834.32	(4,580.71)
Somersworth-Berwick Nursing Association	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	.00
Street Lights	28,839.30		28,839.30	28,283.81	555.49
Tax Collector's Office	6,884.90	173.23	7,058.13	7,291.27	(233.14)
Taxes -- Berwick Dam	350.00		350.00	330.00	20.00
Welfare & Relief	21,880.00	1,180.16	23,060.16	30,135.76	(7,075.60)
Zoning	1,340.00	60.00	1,400.00	1,088.69	311.32
Total	**$1,177,306.33**	**$133,180.01**	**$1,300,486.34**	**$1,308,600.05**	**($7,113.71)**

	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE
Cemetery Trust Fund Created January, 1887 Invested in Som.-Roll. Savings Bank	$63,097.32	$ 300.00	$3,123.82	$3,123.82	$63,397.32
Chandler Trust Fund (Library) Created June, 1894 Invested in Som.-Roll. Savings Bank	2,000.00		49.75		2,049.75
Harry Stein-Somersworth Shoe, Inc. Scholarship Fund Created Nov. 1962 Invested in Somersworth National Bank	10,645.46	2,000.00	434.39	400.00	12,629.85
Harry Stein-Somersworth Shoe, Inc. Scholarship Fund Created December, 1962 Invested in Som.-Roll. Bank	6,950.17	162.50	313.65	450.00	7,026.32
Harry Stein-Somersworth Shoe, Inc. Scholarship Fund Created December, 1962 Invested in Som.-Roll. Bank	6,633.35	500.00	301.75	300.00	7,135.10
Total	$89,326.30	$2,962.50	$4,223.36	$4,273.82	$92,238.34

DATE ISSUED	AMOUNT ISSUED	PAID IN 1967 PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	EXPIRATION DATE
For Water Works					
June 1, 1949	$ 53,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 112.50	$ 4,000.00	1969
Dec. 1, 1952	100,000.00	5,000.00	600.00	25,000.00	1972
July 1, 1959	200,000.00	15,000.00	3,420.00	80,000.00	1974
For Sewer and Sidewalks					
June 1, 1949	47,000.00	2,000.00	112.50	4,000.00	1969
For Sewer					
Nov. 1, 1961	285,000.00	15,000.00	7,350.00	195,000.00	1981
For Highways					
Aug. 1, 1960	100,000.00	10,000.00	1,400.00	30,000.00	1970
For Schools					
Dec. 1, 1955	480,000.00	25,000.00	5,500.00	175,000.00	1974
Nov. 1, 1961	237,000.00	15,000.00	5,670.00	147,000.00	1981
Dec. 1, 1963	398,000.00	20,000.00	10,880.00	320,000.00	1983
For Improvement and Equipment					
March 1, 1956	115,000.00	5,000.00	562.50	20,000.00	1971
For Interceptor Sewer					
Dec. 4, 1962	690,000.00	30,000.00	19,530.00	600,000.00	1987
For Urban Renewal					
Aug. 1, 1964	100,000.00	10,000.00	1,480.00	70,000.00	1974

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL
Auto fees	$ 64,000.00	$ 65,832.45
Miscellaneous licenses	500.00	1,185.00
Police court	3,900.00	4,750.00
Interest & dividend tax	6,276.26	6,276.26
Savings bank tax	4,780.55	4,780.55
Railroad tax	378.61	378.61
Yield tax	353.71	423.81
Poll tax	6,952.00	5,050.00
National bank stock tax	2,177.60	2,177.60
Head tax income	2,205.50	2,027.50
City Clerk fees	2,150.00	2,057.70
Interest on uncollected tax	2,500.00	3,360.75
Interest on investments	19,400.00	22,373.25
S. H. A. (in lieu of taxes)	4,200.00	
S. H. A. (force acc't.)	4,150.00	4,150.00
Dog licenses	500.00	782.92
Sale of land		600.00
Total	**$124,424.23**	**$126,206.40**

DATE	PERTAINING TO
1/3	Payment to the John E. Rich Company
1/3	Transfer of funds
1/19	Appointment of Mayor as City Agent
2/9	Selling land to Richard Couture
2/9	Selling land to Philias Couture
2/9	Appropriating money to Somersworth-Berwick Nursing
2/9	Travel expenses for Building Inspector
2/9	Closing Elm Street
2/9	Appropriations for CWV Convention
2/24	Constructing a road
4/4	Social Security System
4/4	Authorizing bond for Eddy Bridge
4/4	Zabrick land
4/4	Authorizing bond for Public Library
4/4	Somersworth Industrial Progress Company
4/4	Payment for accounting machine and forms
5/2	Payment for validating register
5/2	Contracting for services of William Demers
6/2	Hiring of John E. Rich Co. for audit
6/2	Authorizing bond for Urban Renewal parking area
8/1	Increasing bond for Urban Renewal parking area
8/1	Payment for audit of bond & coupon account
8/1	Finance Officer travel to NEMFOA Conference
8/1	Road construction on Rte. 16
9/5	Tax Collector's expenses
9/5	Supplementing Assessor's appropriations
9/5	Repairing roof on Central Fire Station
9/5	Jutras property taxes

9/5	Appropriating money for Ward 1 booths
9/5	Purchasing tractor shovel
9/5	Selling land to Frederick and Beatrice Reil
10/5	Installing street lights
11/6	Chandler Building Funds
11/6	Installing street lights
11/9	Payment to the John E. Rich Company
11/9	Repaying poll tax to Evangeline and Theodore Jenis
12/5	Transfering funds
12/5	Urban Renewal parking lot bond
12/5	Authorizing tax anticipation notes

DATE	PERTAINING TO	CHAPTER
1/3	Parking on Pemberton Lane	13:9
2/9	Abolishing office of Deputy City Clerk, establishing secretarial wage scale	4:1
2/9	Zoning	19
2/9	Establishing office of Dog Officer	4:1, 5:1
2/9	Changing Sanitary Officer's title to Health Officer	4:1, 4:2
4/4	Finance Officer	3:3
4/4	Restaurants	11:23
5/2	Dogs	13:6
5/2	Zoning	19:3
5/24	Zabrick property rezoned, agricultural to business	19:3C
6/6	Salaries	4:1
8/1	Erecting stop sign, Buffumsville Road and Depot Street	
9/5	Drinking in public places	13:3
10/5	Parking on Grand and Grove Streets	13:9
10/5	One-way traffic on Grove Street	13:8
12/5	Parking on Washington Street	13:10
12/5	Parking on Walnut Street	13:12
12/5	Salary of Mayor	3:4
12/5	Parking on Beacon Street	13:9

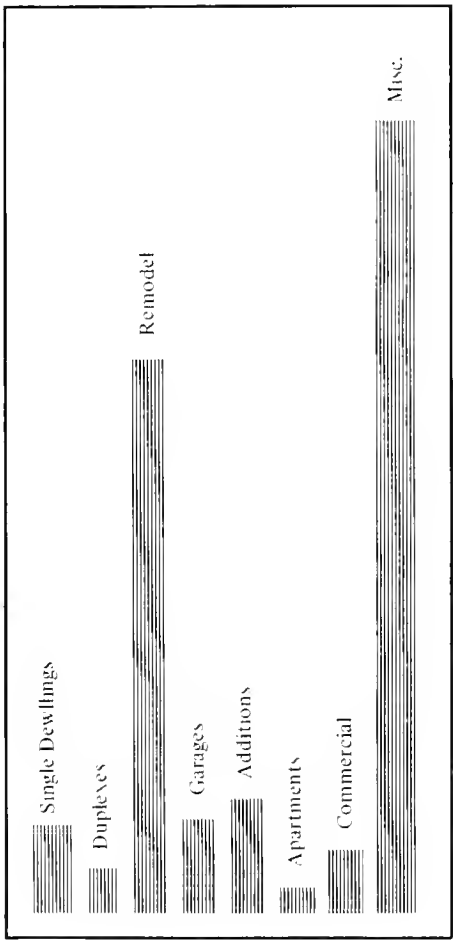
DATE	PETITIONED BY	REASON
7/27	Public Service Co. & N. E. Tel. & Tel.	Pole on Old Dover Road
9/4	Public Service Co. & N. E. Tel. & Tel.	Pole on Washington Street
10/10	Public Service Co. & N. E. Tel. & Tel.	Pole on Main Street
12/5	Public Service Co. & N. E. Tel. & Tel.	Pole on Buffumsville Road
12/5	Residents of Coombs Road	Paving

In 1967, 147 building permits were issued for a total value of $1,324,171 – an increase of $486,846 over 1966.

Permit Breakdown

Single dwellings	7
Duplex dwellings	4
Remodel permits	46
Garages residential	8
Additions	9
Apartment buildings	2
Commercial	5
Miscellaneous (signs, trailers, swim pools, junkyards, demolition)	66
Total	**147**

Jackson Chick
Building Inspector



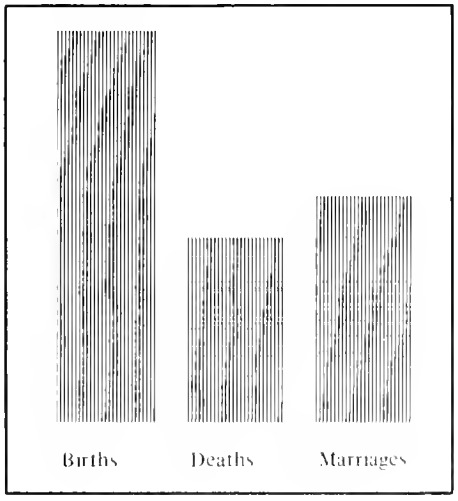
In 1967 additional steps were taken for the centralization of collections and bookkeeping. With property, head, poll, water service, and sewer rents presently being collected in the Tax Collector's office, the only remaining change to be made in 1968 to complete the centralization of collections is the automobile permits.

The NCR accounting machine is to be moved into the City Clerk's office to centralize all bookkeeping and will result in all disbursements being made from this office. These changes reflect a more practical approach to the needs of the City and a manner of better serving the public.

As a result of an ordinance passed by the City Council during 1967, the duties of the Finance Officer are now incumbent upon the City Clerk. This was necessary in order to transfer many of the Treasurer's responsibilities, in order to centralize bookkeeping procedures.

VITAL STATISTICS	1967	1966	1965
Births	172	146	181
Deaths	78	109	107
Marriages	99	82	115
Dog Licenses	348	263	249

Norbert J. Couture
City Clerk



Box alarms	15
Still alarms	154
Engineer alarms	45
Brush and grass fires	39
Aided other towns	20
Received aid	2
Total	**275**

Inspections and fire drills were held in businesses and schools by the Department in its continuing program of fire safety. It is recommended that two more permanent men be added to the department and serious thought should be given to replacing a pumper which is now 22 years old.

Arthur Nadeau
Chief

Receipts	
Income from cemetery	$ 2,709.90
Trust Fund income	3,123.82
City appropriations	7,790.00
Total	**$13,623.72**

Expenditures	
Labor	$ 7,285.88
Supplies	1,012.84
Chapel renovations	5,325.00
Total	**$13,623.72**

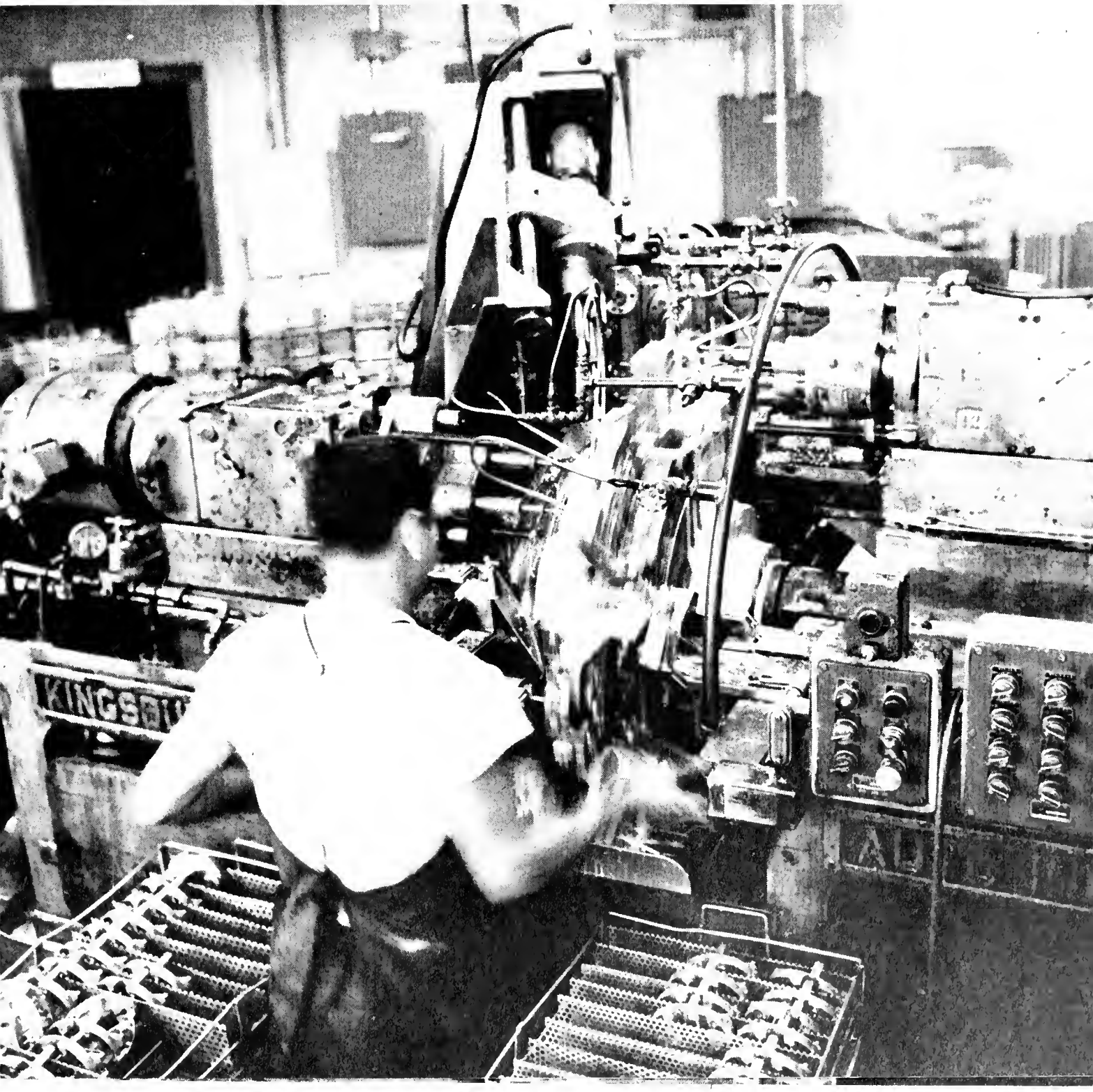
Wendell G. Pinkham
Clerk

is the only Somersworth in the world. Its name dates back to 1729 when a barn was used as a *summer* parish by the churchgoers. The name was changed to Great Falls in the early nineteen hundreds when the Great Falls Manufacturing Company turned the little town into a flourishing textile center. In 1893 the name changed back to the original, but the city still remains an industrial community. Somersworth celebrates its seventy-fifth year as a city in 1968.

Sixty miles from Boston and across the river from Maine, Somersworth is twenty minutes from the Atlantic Ocean, forty-five minutes from the White Mountains, and fifteen minutes from the University of New Hampshire and the New England Center for Continuing Education.

Somersworth is a happy combination of an industrial town with tall trees and green lawns and cows grazing not very far from a multi-million dollar General Electric Plant which turns out the meters for the world.

The city has a population of some 9,500. It has one of the highest skilled labor forces in the state. It also has one of the highest family income averages in the state. It has the lowest tax rate of any city in New Hampshire.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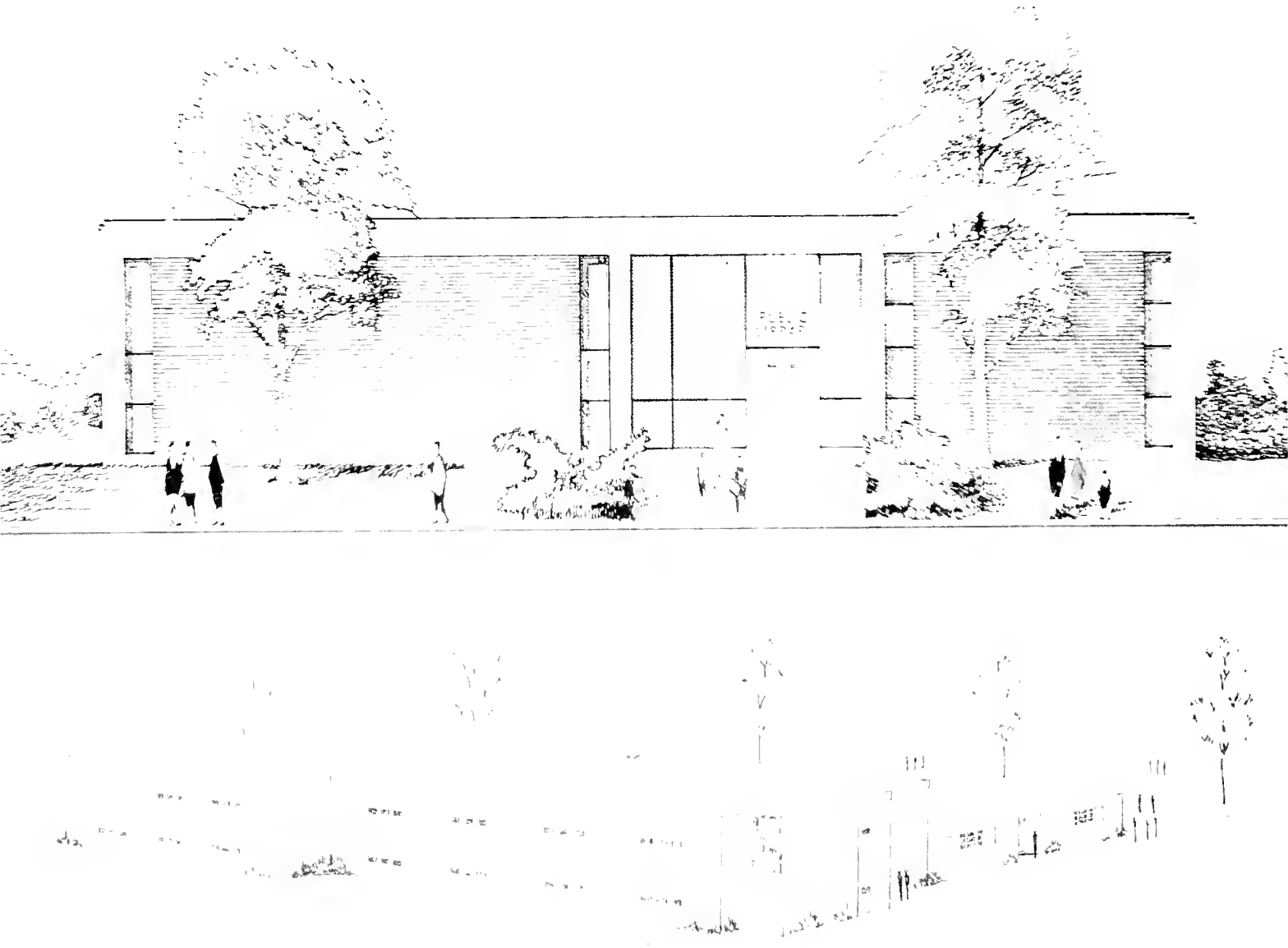
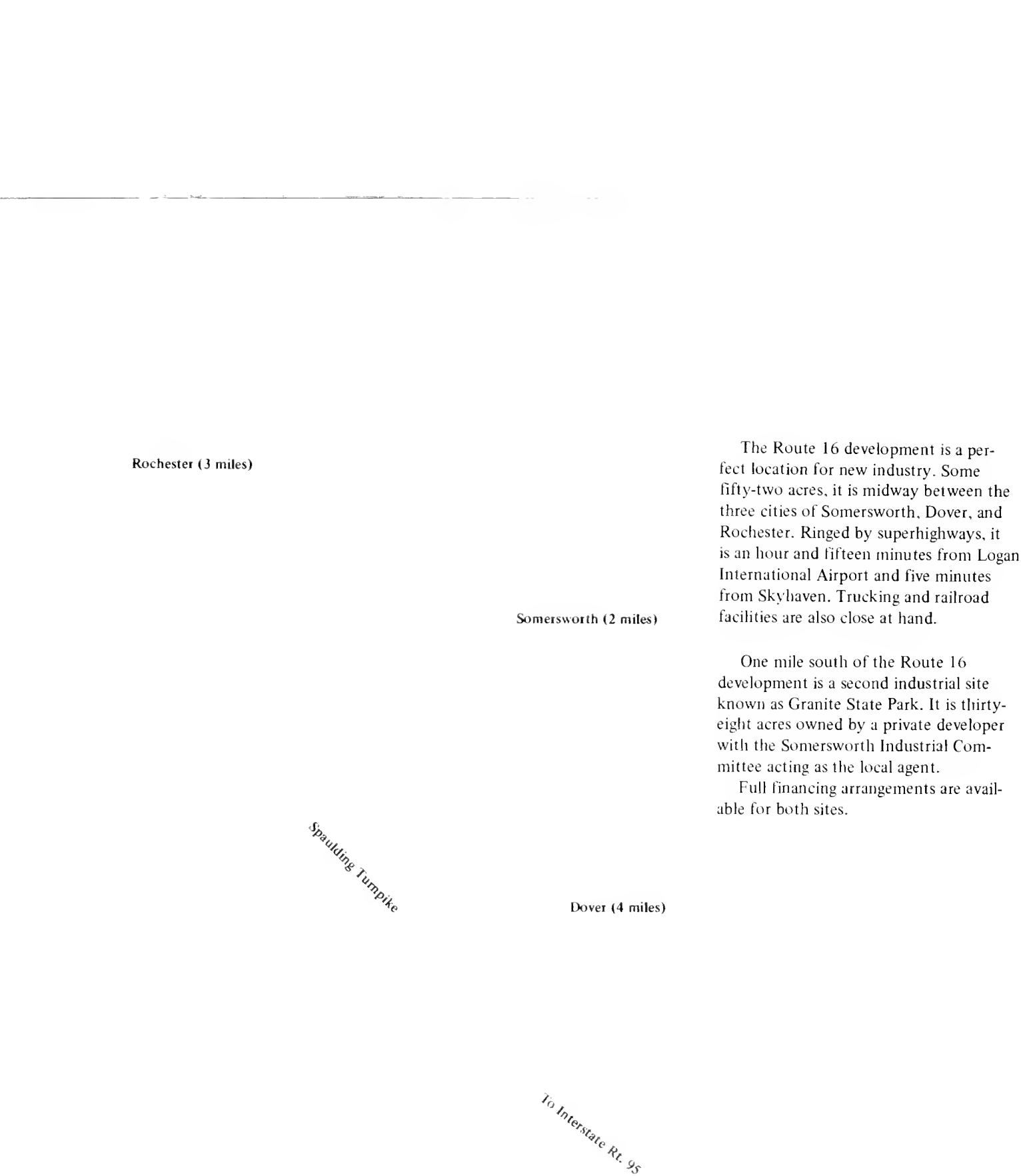


Ground was broken in June, 1968, for the new $230,000 Somersworth public library. Its functional, practical design allows the library to be supervised by one person. A special feature of the building will be a split-level reading gallery. A Civil Defense Operation Center will be located in the basement which can also be used as an auditorium for city activities.

The new thirteen-room, $525,000 addition to the school is planned for completion by 1969. Somersworth was the first school in New Hampshire to adopt the "structured free school concept," a program aimed at individualized instruction. The open plan of the addition for grades five through eight will reflect this concept. With no walls and no halls, the teacher will be able to work with one student at a time or with fifty. Somersworth has been chosen as a demonstration school for its fine educational program; one of 205 school systems throughout the country to be so honored.

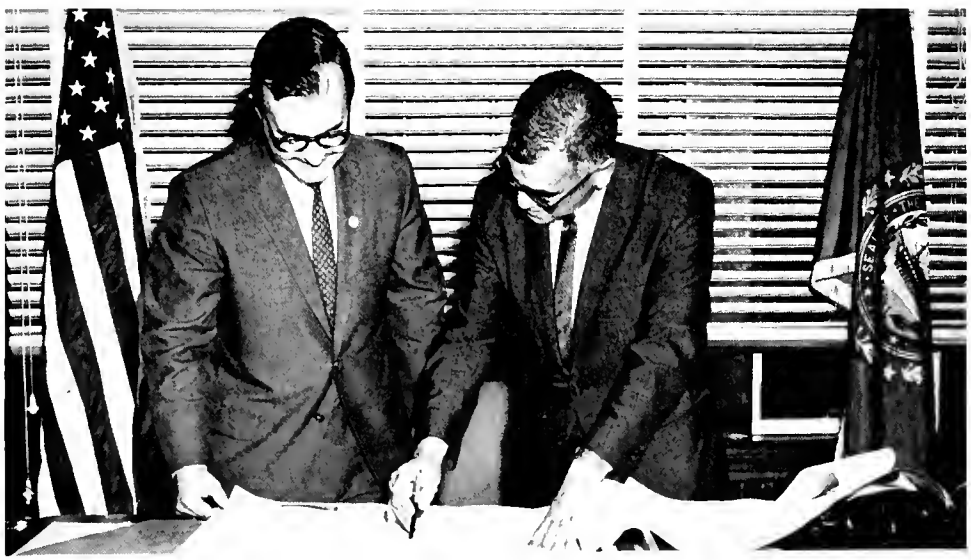
The Somersworth Shopping Plaza opened this year – the result of one of the first urban renewal projects in the nation. The $4 million face-lifting also includes modern apartments for the elderly and low-rent housing. A second shopping complex, containing a twin-cinema, a supermarket, and a nationally known restaurant, has just opened in Somersworth. As well, the city has two new banks and its own newspaper. Two good hospitals are minutes away.



The Route 16 development is a perfect location for new industry. Some fifty-two acres, it is midway between the three cities of Somersworth, Dover, and Rochester. Ringed by superhighways, it is an hour and fifteen minutes from Logan International Airport and five minutes from Skyhaven. Trucking and railroad facilities are also close at hand.

One mile south of the Route 16 development is a second industrial site known as Granite State Park. It is thirty-eight acres owned by a private developer with the Somersworth Industrial Committee acting as the local agent.

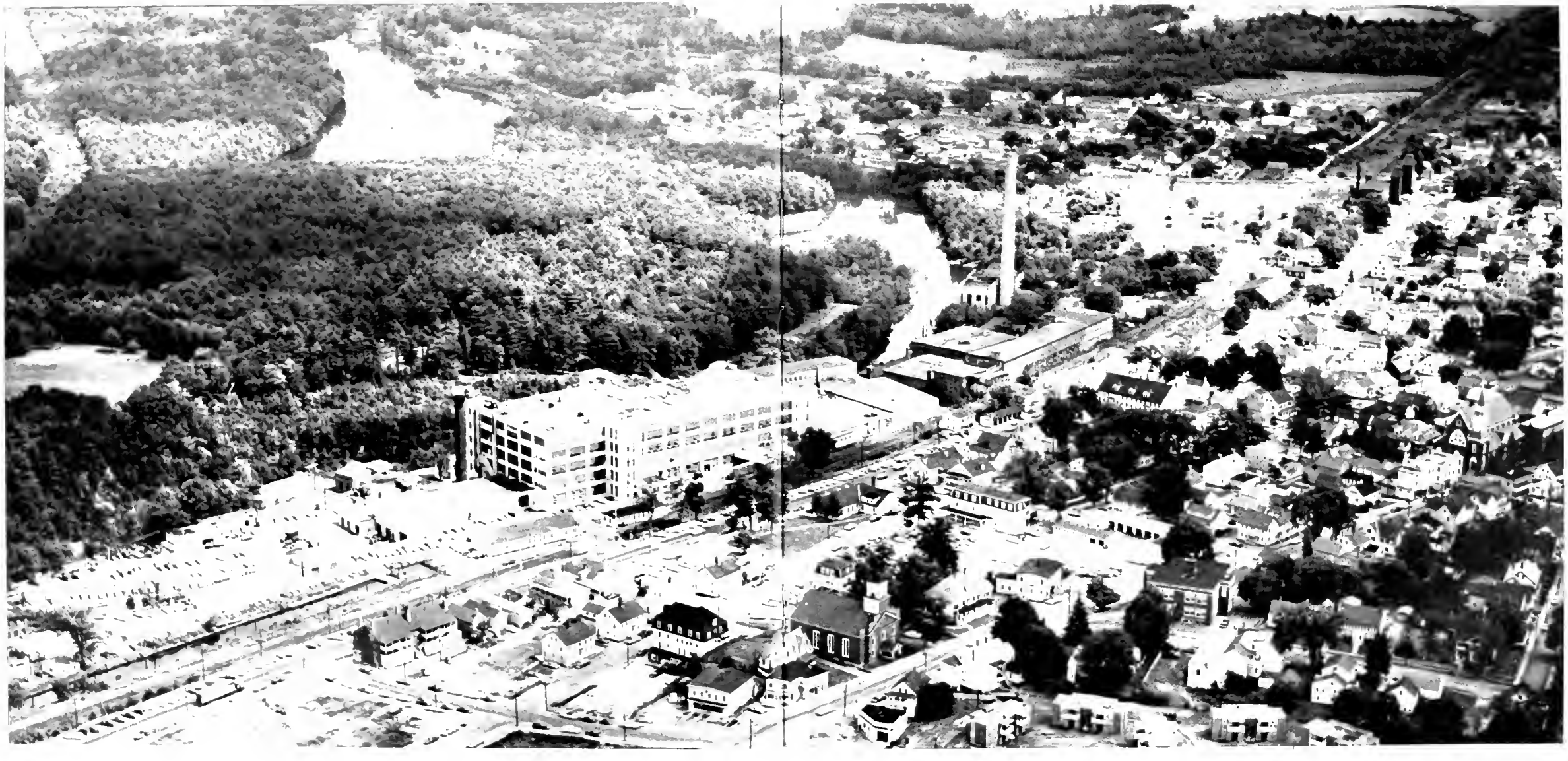
Full financing arrangements are available for both sites.



Mayor Clyde Coolidge feels that this is "an era of progress" for Somersworth. A native son, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of New Hampshire, and a practicing attorney, Coolidge is a young, (twenty-nine) articulate spokesman for his city. Max Isacoff (right) is chairman of the Somersworth Industrial Authority. It is his job to see that the city and industry work smoothly together.

The Somersworth City Council has ten members – two elected from each ward every two years. Their salary is $150 a year. If a Council member misses a meeting, $12 is deducted from his pay.

The 1968 City Council has been active in planning for the growth of the city. Working out good zoning regulations has been of special concern.



Receipts

Fees from international certificates of vaccination	$ 28.00
Fees from restaurant licenses	430.00
Issued 26 milk licenses	52.00
Total	**$510.00**

Other

Issued milk license exempt by law of fee	1
Inspection of business establishments	218
Complaints from other sources	39
Assisted in polio clinics	2
Buried nuisance	10

Roland H. Dube
Health Officer

The library now has a small record collection. Records are loaned on a two-week basis and the response has been very enthusiastic. The initial collection was donated by CBS and the library was able to buy several albums this year. Three hundred and six records were loaned and it is hoped this new service can be continued.

Statistics for 1967

Volumes added	979
Adult	830
Juvenile	149
Volumes discarded	420
Adult	399
Juvenile	21
Gifts	170
Registered borrowers	3,212
Adult	1,665
Juvenile	1,547
Circulation	31,852
Adult	18,912
Juvenile	12,364
Records	306
Professional meeting attended	12
Staff talks	7

Anne C. Crist
Librarian

Receipts

Fines collected in Court	$7,045.00
Bails (appealed or probable cause for Superior Court)	420.00
Sale of writs to lawyers	18.80
Bails forfeited	125.00
Small claims fees	23.25
Civil cases (entry fees)	7.00
Balance on hand (Dec. 31, 1966)	46.37
Total	**$7,685.42**

Expenditures

Department of Safety (State's share of Fines for traffic violations)	$2,054.00
Witness fees	180.00
Bails to Superior Court (appealed or probable cause)	220.00
Bail refund	200.00
Law books	53.00
Office supplies	152.33
Stamps	15.00
Bond for Clerk	10.00
Repairs to cell block	7.00
City of Somersworth	4,750.00
Balance on hand	44.09
Total	**$7,685.42**

Laurier W. Sans-Cartier
Clerk

A total of 1,398 house calls were made by the Visiting Nurse for the Somersworth-Berwick District Nursing Association. Other activities in 1967 included examination of 214 children at a lazy eye clinic sponsored by the Lions Club, and two Polio Clinics at which a total of 367 vaccines were given.

Helen Devereux, RN
Visiting Nurse

Criminal offenses

Assaults	15
Abusive and profane language	10
Brawl and tumult	5
Breaking, entering and larceny	8
Carrying loaded shot gun in car	1
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	1
Disorderly person	3
Drunk and disorderly	28
Failure to restrain dog	2
Fugitive from justice	3
Grand larceny	1
Illegal possession of liquor	15
Lascivious act with a minor	1
Larceny	6
Non-support of wife and minor children	2
Possession of marijuana	1
Procuring liquor for minor	3
Resisting arrest	3
Statutory rape	1
Total	**109**

Juvenile offenses

Delinquent child	9
Delinquent child (Drunk & disorderly)	4
Delinquent child (larceny)	6
Delinquent child (Breaking, entering, and larceny)	2
Total	**21**

Motor vehicle offenses

Driving without a license	25
Driving after suspension of license	7
Driving after revocation of license	1
Driving with defective equipment	11
Driving with obstructed windshield	1
Driving unregistered vehicle	2
Driving under the influence of liquor	8
Driving overloaded truck	2
Double parking	19
Failure to stop for a police officer	4
Failure to stop for school bus	22
Failure to stop for stop sign	18

Failure to stop at railroad crossing	1
Failure to have vehicle inspected	24
Failure to keep to the right of highway	6
Failure to wear corrective glasses	8
Failure to notify Commissioner of change of address	8
Failure to answer summons	1
Failure to dim lights	1
Following too closely	1
Leaving scene of accident	12
Misuse of plates	2
Passing on right	1
Parking ticket violation	28
Parking too close to hydrant	1
Reckless driving	1
Speeding	83
Unnecessary noises	4
Wrong way on one way street	1
Yellow line violation	15
Total	**318**

Expenditures	
Salaries	$82,139.15
Retirement	3,942.00
Gasoline	1,209.07
Oil & filters	64.45
Tires	156.32
Cruisers repairs	533.29
Insurance on cruisers	460.20
Radios repairs	93.73
Electricity	65.24
Telephone	751.80
General expenses	354.93
Supplies	322.17
Clothing allowance	1,712.27
New equipment	56.29
Sick leave	400.00
Car rental	810.00
Total	**$93,070.91**
Appropriation	**$90,000.00**
Cash and refunds taken	2,054.55
Total	**$92,054.55**
Overspent	$ 1,016.36

Charles J. Boucher
Chief of Police

The Public Works and Highway Department performed the routine maintenance work such as plowing, salting, and sanding streets during the winter months and cleaning and maintaining catch basins, sweeping some of the downtown areas using hand brooms, and other maintenance work.

Seal coating this year was performed under contract with Bell and Flynn of Exeter, New Hampshire, in an effort to obtain a better result by getting more uniform sand distribution and rolling of the sand while the asphalt used was still hot. The following streets were seal coated:

Noble Street, Beacon Street, Linden Street, Prospect Street, Maple Street Extension, Gonic Road, Buffumsville Road, Indigo Hill Road, Third Street, Lee Street

for a total of 46,501 square yards and a cost of $5,065.

The Public Works Department also contracted to have Mt. Vernon Street and Grove Street, from High Street to Grand Street, overlayed with two inches of hot bituminous concrete at a cost of $5,419.48. These two streets were in very poor condition, and the overlay helped smooth the street to permit better snow and ice removal and easier access to the hill section during the winter.

Mt. Vernon Street from Grand Street to Prospect Street was completely reconstructed utilizing TRA funds in addition to City funds. This reconstruction required the installation of 1,200 lineal feet of 10-inch storm drain line to separate the storm water from the sanitary sewer. Cost of this project was $11,190.20. Sidewalks were constructed on Morning Street, Lincoln Street and the sidewalk on Spring Street was overlayed with hot bituminous concrete. The cost of sidewalk work during 1967 was $3,312.72.

Eighty lineal feet of 24-inch re-enforced concrete pipe culvert was installed across Buffumsville Road to prevent water backing up to a depth of four to five feet as was occuring in the past and creating a very dangerous situation for children playing in the area.

In addition some 2,300 man hours were spent working on the site improvements in the urban renewal area, installing sewer lines, drain lines and water mains, and rough grading of the area to permit the construction of the parking lot. This work in the urban renewal area accounted for an income to the Highway Department of more than $8,000.

Most of the equipment now being used is old and requires extensive maintenance to keep the equipment running. The oldest piece of equipment now in use is a Buffalo Springfield roller manufactured in 1928. Several of the trucks are five and six years old and older. One Hough Payloader was manufactured in 1954, and unless realistic amounts are provided in the budget for an orderly replacement of this equipment, the City could be in the near future faced with large expenditures replacing equipment on a wholesale basis.

Norman Leclerc
Director

Highlights of the summer playground season included a baseball clinic conducted by former major leaguer Joe Coleman; a basketball game at Camp Fatima; a baseball game at Camp Don Bosco; a girls' softball game in Rochester; a field trip for over 130 youngsters to Canobie Lake Park and Benson's Animal Farm; record hops featuring teenage band groups; and an annual field day. Minor league baseball competition included the "Free Press," "Coca Cola," "Hebert's Market," and "Breton Cleaners" teams.

Over 650 youngsters took part in swimming at Spring Hill and the wading pool

at Noble Pines. The interest in the swimming points out my contention in this report: namely, *that the city of Somersworth must furnish a swimming pool to its children without delay.* To do otherwise will only make this worthwhile venture more costly than ever in the future.

New equipment was installed by the recreation staff team at the Ward V playground area, and at Noble Pines twelve new swings and a slide were installed, old swings replaced, the baseball diamond improved, and the playground limed, fertilized, and seeded.

Robert P. Langelier
Recreation Director

A separate booklet on the Somersworth School System may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office or at the school. Highlights of the report are:

Somersworth has been chosen as a Demonstration School by the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards. Only 205 schools in the country have been so honored.

An interim first grade program has been adopted for children who need a little extra help. A qualified tester administers the Ilg and Ames School Readiness Behavior Test to each child and groupings are made on the basis of the results.

The 1967 census showed 1,257 students in the school system; 1,030 in parochial schools within the district. The total school budget was $687,561.

A $525,000 two-story addition to the jr. high school is expected to be ready for the fall of 1969.

Robert L. Brunnelle
Superintendent of Schools

	1967 Approved Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Administration			
Salaries	$ 50.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
Contracted Services	220.00	208.50	11.50
Other Expenses	665.00	307.85	357.15
Instruction			
Salaries	369,049.00	320,013.14	49,035.86
Textbooks - Elementary	2,600.00	732.99	1,867.01
Textbooks - Junior High	1,500.00	888.88	611.12
Textbooks - High	5,000.00	4,216.84	783.16
Library & Audiovisual - Elem.	1,300.00	411.95	888.05
Library & Audiovisual - Junior High	1,000.00	267.11	732.89
Library & Audiovisual - High	2,000.00	2,176.57	(176.57)
Teaching Supplies - Elementary	2,900.00	1,563.14	1,336.86
Teaching Supplies - Junior High	600.00	708.31	(108.31)
Teaching Supplies - High	6,000.00	2,699.52	3,300.48
Contracted Services	4,170.00	3,176.67	993.33
Other Expenses - Elementary	900.00	908.38	(8.38)
Other Expenses - Junior High	400.00	18.10	381.90
Other Expenses - High	2,000.00	1,893.27	106.73
Attendance Services	150.00	120.00	30.00
Health Services	6,500.00	4,771.38	1,728.62
Pupil Transportation	33,082.00	29,376.90	3,705.10
Operation Of Plant			
Salaries	26,200.00	22,246.24	3,953.76
Contracted Services		296.27	(296.27)
Supplies	5,050.00	4,093.80	956.20
Heat	13,000.00	12,996.49	3.51
Utilities	12,275.00	11,127.07	1,147.93
Maintenance Of Plant	6,842.00	5,182.29	1,659.71
Fixed Charges			
Employee Retirement & FICA	30,400.00	18,721.16	11,678.84
Insurance	4,566.00	4,281.00	285.00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	14,630.00	13,337.12	1,292.88
Student-Body Activities	8,391.00	8,516.40	(125.40)
Community Activities	1,020.00	954.50	65.50
Capital Outlay - Sites		22.50	(22.50)
Equipment	8,240.50	7,714.11	526.39
Debt Services			
Principal of Debt	60,000.00	60,000.00	
Interest on Debt	22,050.00	22,050.00	
Other Expenses (Coupons)		71.35	(71.35)

	1967 Approved Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Outgoing Transfer Accounts			
Supervisory Union Expense	18,397.62	18,397.62	
Title I - PL 89 - 10	10,812.88	10,504.21	308.67
Tuition & Transportation - Retarded	5,600.00	4,255.12	1,344.88
	$687,561.00	**$599,251.75**	**$88,309.25**
Unencumbered Balance on Hand	1,195.81	1,195.81	
Revenue From Local Sources			
Current Appropriation	590,160.07	524,643.98	65,516.09
Other - Summer School		275.00	(275.00)
Revenue From State Sources			
School Building Aid	18,021.74	22,538.55	(4,516.81)
Sweepstakes	8,770.50		8,770.50
Intellectually Retarded	600.00	471.42	128.58
Driver Education	2,000.00	2,850.00	(850.00)
Received From Federal Sources			
NDEA - Title III	2,000.00	2,580.52	(580.52)
Vocational Education	500.00	332.00	168.00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	10,500.00	9,619.68	880.32
Public Law 874	30,000.00	23,140.00	6,860.00
Title 1 - PL - 89 - 10	10,812.88	5,438.00	5,374.88
Amounts From Other School Districts			
Tuition	13,000.00	6,166.79	6,833.21
Total	**$687,561.00**	**$599,251.75**	**$88,309.25**

Uncollected taxes as of December 31, 1967

YEAR	HEAD TAX
1967	$6,335.00
1966	1,360.00
1965	790.00
1964	- - -
1963	155.00
1962	80.00
1961	85.00
1960	70.00
1959	30.00
Total Uncollected	**$8,925.00**

YEAR	POLL TAX
1967	$2,138.00
1966	560.00
1965	226.00
1964	596.00
1963	104.00
1962	258.00
1961	114.00
1960	166.00
1959	120.00
Total Uncollected	**$4,282.00**

YEAR	PROPERTY TAX
1967	$142,501.56
1966	3,354.07
1965	564.80
1964	1,021.01
1963	682.50
1962	348.84
1961	263.18
1960	6.90
1959	190.12
Total Uncollected	**$148,932.98**

YEAR	SEWAGE TAX
Dec. 1967	$ 7,238.46
June 1967	619.94
Dec. 1966	2,818.08
June 1966	1,600.11
Dec. 1965	1,955.95
June 1965	1,832.43
Dec. 1964	2,228.91
June 1964	1,276.09
Dec. 1963	1,013.84
June 1963	574.49
Dec. 1962	724.11
June 1962	276.26
Total Uncollected	**$22,158.67**

1967 saw spectacular results of the years of planning and preparation of the Triangle Urban Renewal Project with the opening of the Somersworth Plaza shopping center.

The hundreds of thousands of dollars of new construction include the Somersworth National Bank Building, the American Legion Memorial Building, and the Walter W. Fischer Building for seven business establishments.

The Somersworth Housing Authority purchased property on High Street and Washington Street and thus completed the land presently scheduled to be bought under the Urban Renewal Plan.

Despite increases for Site Improvement and Real Estate Purchases, the budget is in a favorable condition. Throughout the project the S.H.A. has taken advantage of every possible opportunity to save money. For example, it was estimated that water lines, drainage systems, and excavation work for the Plaza would cost $92,000. But the S.H.A. requested that this work be done by the City of Somersworth Public Works Department and the result was a savings to the project of some $35,000.

Through timely and profitable investment of available funds, the S.H.A. has managed to keep the net cost for interest at only $27,906 on the $1,777,884 spent on the project.

At this point – even before demolition of acquired property has been completed and while the city is still collecting taxes on S. H. A. properties of substantial assessed value – it can confidently be stated that the amount of new construction generated – directly and indirectly – by Urban Renewal action already exceeds, on an assessed valuation basis, the entire assessed value of all properties scheduled to be acquired under the Urban Renewal Plan.

This means at least two things, as mentioned above:

(1) That the City of Somersworth will not suffer any tax losses during the execution of the Urban Renewal Program and

(2) That the Urban Renewal action has broadened, and will further broaden, the tax base in such a manner and to such an extent that the increased tax revenue to be derived therefrom will enable the program to "pay for itself" over a reasonable period of time.

Martin J. Flanagan
Executive Director

Assets:		
Cash	$ 10,080.26	
Project Temporary Loan Repayment Fund	10,402.25	
Petty Cash	75.00	
Total Cash		$ 20,557.51
Accounts Receivable:		
Revolving Fund	3,500.00	
Relocation Grant	38,715.82	
Other	1,344.38	
Total accounts receivable		43,560.20
Total Current Assets		64,117.71
Investments Held		277,933.84
Project Costs:		
Total Item 1 project costs (to date)		1,777,884.96
Less: Sales price of land sold	156,469.15	
Total Item 2 project costs (to date)		20,450.00
Total project costs to date		1,641,865.81
Relocation Payments		78,562.82
Total Assets		**$2,062,480.18**
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	16,387.65	
Total current liabilities		16,387.65
Accrued Interest payable:		
Preliminary Loan Notes	15,830.02	
Total		15,830.02
Advances and Loans Payable:		
Preliminary Loan Notes	948,000.00	
Total		948,000.00
Capital:		
Cash local grants-in-aid	202,708.69	
Noncash local grants-in-aid	20,450.00	
Total local grants-in-aid		223,158.69
Project Capital Grant	780,541.00	
Relocation Grant	78,562.82	
Total Federal Capital Grant		859,103.82
Total Capital		$1,082,262.51
Total Liabilities and Capital		**$2,062,480.18**

	APPROVED BUDGET	TOTAL ENCUMBRANCES
Surveying and Planning	$ 99,325.00	$ 91,992.00
Administrative & Legal	148,538.00	104,787.00
Acquisition	21,500.00	20,480.00
Operation of acquired property	(-)1,900.00	(-)25,855.00
Site Clearance & Disposition	102,400.00	59,303.00
Site Improvements	184,130.00	106,148.00
Rehabilitation Cost	6,000.00	-0-
Interest	90,000.00	100,550.00
Income from Investments	(-)60,000.00	(-)72,594.00*
Reserve for Contingencies	66,267.00	-0-
Real Estate Purchases	1,354,695.00	1,377,695.00
Government Inspection Fee	15,378.00	15,378.00
Total Expenditures	**$2,026,333.00**	**$1,777,884.00**

*Income from investments is a decrease to project costs.

Assets:		
Cash	$ 11,319.65	
Change Fund	50.00	$ 11,369.65
Tenants Accounts Receivable		268.86
Other Accounts Receivable		329.15
Advance to Revolving Fund		3,000.00
Investments - General Fund		29,876.33
Fiscal Agent Funds:		
Debt Service Fund	61,817.77	
Advance Amortization Fund	350.17	
Annual Contributions Receivable	93,208.34	155,376.28
Deferred Charges:		
Prepaid Insurance	1,145.92	
Insurance Deposits	6,679.52	
Other	506.14	8,331.58
Development Costs		2,046,268.75
Total Assets		**$2,254,820.60**
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable:		
Vendors and Contractors	2,404.31	
Contract Retentions	26,900.00	
Tenants Security Deposits	1,749.00	
Other	1,447.35	32,500.66
Notes Payable:		
Temporary Notes		156,000.00
Accrued Liabilities:		
Interest payable HUD	1,447.77	
Interest payable notes non-HUD	5,950.40	
Interest payable bonds non-HUD	32,029.48	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,834.37	
Other	5,439.47	48,701.49
Fixed Liabilities:		
Permanent Notes - HUD	67,897.89	
Series A Notes & Bonds – Issued - $1,805,000.00		
Retired - 35,000.00	1,770,000.00	1,770,000.00

Surplus:		
Unreserved	122,657.84	
Surplus		
Operating reserve	12,180.00	110,477.84
Cumulative HAA Contributions	290,198.40	
Development Cost - Undeveloped Projects		179,720.56
Total Liabilities and Surplus		**$2,254,820.60**

Operating Income:	
Dwelling Rental	$70,327.68
Other Income	1,226.58
Total Operating Income	**$71,554.26**
Operating Expense:	
Management Expense	12,376.68
Utilities	32,150.08
Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements	10,870.04
General Expense	7,613.75
Total Operating Expense	**$63,010.55**
Residual Receipts Prior to Adjustments, provision for reserve, etc.	8,543.71
Prior Year Adjustments	284.03
Total Residual Receipts (before reserve)	**8,827.74**
Provision for Operating Reserve	4,060.00
Residual Receipts	**$ 4,767.74**

A total of 325,109,500 gallons of pure, fresh well water were pumped from Somersworth's three wells in 1967. The highest amount pumped in one day was 1,406,900 gallons on June 1. The minimum pumped was 582,600 gallons on October 8.

Departmental activities

Services renewed	12
New services	18
Services repaired	48
Hydrants repaired	10
Hydrants renewed	6
New hydrants	0
Repairs to mains	4
Gate valves repaired	1
Curb boxes repaired	3
New meters installed	12
Meters changed	136

Welfare costs

Groceries	$ 1,044.00
Clothing	69.13
Fuel & electricity	315.18
Rent	777.75
Medical	3,225.82
Hospital	3,437.57
Board & care	8,356.00
Office administration	257.35
Old age assistance	8,735.67
Disabled aid	2,872.21
Total	**$29,090.68**

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